

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of all claims now pending in the above-identified patent application (*i.e.*, Claims 15-27) are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

At the outset, it should be recognized that the presently claimed invention provides a self-opener closure for a composite packaging, or for container spouts to be closed with film material, which is able to cut a foil closure open and to cut a disc portion out of the foil, which self-opener closure is able to then swivel for the purpose of maintaining the opening that has been cut into the foil.

The first Office Action for the instant patent application consisted of a rejection of Claims 15-27 as being indefinite, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, with the Examiner making citation to specific terminology recited in Claims 15, 16, 18-20 and 25.

In reply to the Examiner's indefiniteness rejection, Applicants have amended their claims to delete, or re-word, the language deemed indefinite by the Examiner and have generally reviewed, and amended, as appropriate, the claims for closer conformance with U.S. practice and greater clarity.

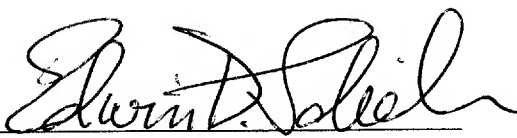
In light of the present claim amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, indefiniteness rejection has been overcome and should now be withdrawn and, further, that the Examiner should now be able to conduct a proper search of the prior art for a determination of patentability.

Should the Examiner require further clarification of any claim terminology as a prerequisite for conducting a thorough search of the art, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney-of-record for further clarification or assistance.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully contended that all claims now pending in the above-identified patent application (*i.e.*, Claims 15-27) recite a novel a self-opener closure for a composite packaging, or for container spouts to be closed with film material, which is patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Accordingly, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, an examination on the merits of all claims and an early allowance of the claims now pending are respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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